

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2 and 6-30 are canceled herein, as these claims were withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-5 are allowed. However, these claims are amended herein simply to improve form.

New claims 31-33 are added, and correspond to allowed claim 3-5, respectively, written with means-plus-function language. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 31-33 should clearly be allowable.

New claims 34-36 are also added, and are somewhat similar to allowed claim 3. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 34-36 should clearly be allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-5 and 31-36 are currently pending.

II. CLAIM OBJECTION

The Examiner objects to claim 4.

Claim 4 is amended herein as suggested by the Examiner, to thereby overcome the objection.

III. VERIFIED TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN PRIORITY DOCUMENT

The Examiner requests a verified translation of the foreign priority document.

Therefore, a verified translation is provided herewith.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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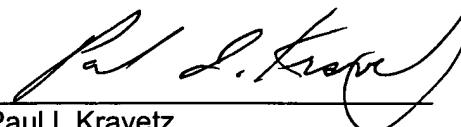
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